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STUDENT PROGRAMS

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Our Mission:

*“...to protect
human health and
to safeguard the natural
environment...”*



Student Programs

Student Educational Employment Program (SEEP)

The Federal Government has always looked to educational institutions to find people who have the skills needed to meet its future employment needs. This program was created to attract talented students to Federal public service. It is an opportunity for students to earn money and continue their education, to train with people who manage the day-to-day business of the Federal government, and to combine academic study with on-the-job experience. Most Federal agencies use this program.

The SEEP has two components: Student Temporary Employment and Student Career Experience. It is available for students seeking high school, vocational and technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees.

Under both components, students may be employed year round. There are no limitations on the number of hours a student can work per week, but the student's work schedule should not interfere with academic studies.

Eligibility:

- a matriculating degree-seeking student (diploma, certificate, etc.);
- be at least 16 years old
- taking at least half-time academic or vocational and technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocation school, 2 or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school;
- a U.S. citizen or a national (resident of American Samoa or Swains Island).
(Note: Non-citizens may be eligible for employment if permitted by a Federal agency's appropriation act, and eligible to work under U.S. immigration laws.)

(1) The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) - formerly “CO-OP”

This component offers career-related employment which enriches students' academic experience and offers them valuable work experience in their career field.

U.S. citizenship is required for conversion to permanent employment under the Student Career Experience Component. **Contact the EPA Regional Human Resources Offices for more information on student employment opportunities.**

(2) The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

Opportunities under this component offers temporary employment which enables students to earn a salary while continuing their studies.

Summer Opportunities

The EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC uses the **STEP** Program to hire students for the Summer Student Program. In some cases, students may work part time during the school year.

Students work mainly in clerical type jobs although some jobs may be in environmental areas or give some exposure to environmental scientific or engineering work.

Students interested in the EPA Washington, DC Summer Student Program should apply to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Career Resource and Counseling Center
STEP/Summer Student Program
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. Mail Code 3611M
Washington, DC 20460

Resumes, or federal job application forms (form OF-612), are appropriate as applications. Students will also need to provide academic documentation of school enrollment and course load at the time a job offer is made.

Environmental Careers Organization Associate (ECO)

The Environmental Careers Organization, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which offers a wide variety of paid, short-term environmental training experiences for college students. ECO also sponsors conferences, and distributes relevant publications. Since 1972 it has placed over 5,000 ECO Associates at more than 900 organizations nationwide.

Under a cooperative assistance agreement between ECO and the EPA, students from hundreds of colleges, at all levels (undergraduate, graduate and doctoral) can participate in challenging science, engineering, management, education and policy-related projects in all U.S. EPA programs. Associates must be currently matriculating students and must be U.S. citizens. Projects can last from three to six months.

During his/her time at the EPA, the ECO Associate can work on a special project up to 40 hours a week under an EPA technical advisor. The ECO Associates are employees of ECO, not the federal government employees and are paid by ECO out of extramural funds provided by EPA through the cooperative agreement.

For more information on the ECO program contact the Environmental Careers Organization, Eastern Office, 179 South Street, Boston, MA 02111 (617) 426-4375. For general information about ECO visit the website at www.eco.org.

All applicants for Federal employment receive consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, age (with authorized exceptions), sexual orientation, or any other non-meritorious factors. U.S. Citizenship is required.

